

when the sender of the message is determined to be authorized, indicating that the message is from an authorized sender; and

when the sender of the message is determined to be not authorized, storing the message in a pre-designated location for messages sent by unauthorized senders.

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C2 *sub F17*
8. (Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the message is an electronic mail message and the pre-designated location is a folder.

C3 *sub F17*
17. (Amended) The method of claim 5 further comprising forwarding the message from an unauthorized user to another user.

C4 *sub F17*
20. (Amended) An electronic mail system comprising:
a receiving component that receives electronic mail messages that include the identification of the sender of the electronic mail message;
an authorized sender list having the identification of senders who are authorized to send electronic mail messages; and
an authorization component that is forwarded electronic mail messages from the receiving component and that forwards the electronic mail messages to a predetermined folder when the identification of the sender of the forwarded electronic mail message is not in the authorized sender list.

C5 *sub F17*
23. (Amended) The system of claim 20 wherein the predetermined folder comprises a junk mail folder.